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Name of the company covered by this certification: ComTech21. LLC

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Name of signatory: Richard Minervino

Title of signatory: Manager


I, Richard Minervino, certify that I am an officer of the Company named above, and acting as an agent of the company, that I have personal knowledge that the company has established operating procedures that are adequate to ensure compliance with the Commission's CPNI rules. *See 47 C.F.R. 64.2001 et seq*

Attached to this certification is an accompanying statement explaining how the company's procedures ensure that the company is in compliance with the requirements set forth in section 64.2001 *et seq* of the Commission's rules.

The company has not taken any actions (proceedings instituted or petitions filed by a company at either state commissions, the court system, or at the Commission against data brokers) against data brokers in the past year. Companies must report on any information that they have with respect to the processes pretexters are using to attempt to access CPNI, and what steps companies are taking to protect CPNI.

The company has not received any customer complaints in the past year concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI (number of customer complaints a company has received related to unauthorized access to CPNI, or unauthorized disclosure of CPNI, broken down by category or complaint, e.g., instances of improper access by employees, instances or improper disclosure to individuals not authorized to receive the information, or instances of improper access to online information by individuals not authorized to view the information).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



## Customer Proprietary Network Information

**ComTech21, LLC Commitment to Safeguard Customer Information.** ComTech21 has long been committed to the protection of customer privacy. In addition, we comply with federal laws regarding the protection of customer account information. Federal law characterizes this type of information as "Customer Proprietary Network Information" or CPNI. Here we refer to it simply as "account information." Account information includes information about a customer's services and their use of those services, as well as general billing information. It also includes information concerning specific calls, such as who was called, and the date and time of the call. Throughout this notice, we refer to call-related information "call-detail information."

Recent changes in rules by the Federal Communications Commission require carriers to implement stricter procedures to verify the identity of callers who want to discuss call-detail information or to engage in online transactions that would allow access to account information generally.

### New Rules for Access to CPNI.

#### ***Calls to ComTech21 Customer Service:***

In the past, customers calling ComTech21, LLC customer service offices could discuss their services and billings with a ComTech21 representative, once that representative had verified the caller's identity. The verification was usually done through questions about account information known to ComTech21 and the customer or through verification methods such as social security number. This authentication practice will continue with respect to calls made to ComTech21, LLC customer service centers, as a general matter. However, ComTech21 will not be able to discuss call-detail information with an account holder *unless* the caller provides the call detail to the ComTech21 representative or has a pre-established password.

#### ***Online Access to Account Information:***

ComTech21 provides online access to account information which requires a "Unique ID" at the time of setting up a new customer. Once the account is established they are provided a password to access their account. If at any time this password needs to change the customer is asked a "challenge question" prior to the change taking place.

#### ***Notifications of Certain Account Changes.***

In addition to changes outlined above regarding access account information, ComTech21 will be notifying customers of certain account *changes*. For example, whenever an online account is created or changed, or a password or other form of authentication (such as a "secret question and answer") is created or changed, ComTech21 will notify the account holder. Additionally, after an account has been established, when a customer's address (whether postal or e-mail) changes or is added to an account, ComTech21 will send a notification. These notifications may be sent to a postal or e-mail address, or by telephone, voicemail or text message.

***Business Relationships and Exemption From the Rules.*** ComTech21, LLC practices with respect to CPNI access and required notifications will essentially be the same for our residential and small business customers.

But in cases where ComTech21 and a business have a contractual relationship, and the business has access to a dedicated account representative, the authentication processes used by the parties may be different and notifications might not be sent. In these cases, ComTech21 will verify a person's authority to discuss account information through communications with the person claiming to represent the account holder. And in situations where a customer seeks online access to account information, an access code will be required.

In some cases, ComTech21 and the business will have a formal written agreement that will contain a confidentiality provision. In other cases, the contractual relationship will be based on purchases made by the customer from a ComTech21 tariff or Rate and Service Schedule (RSS), or on the words and conduct of the parties. The relationship will reflect ComTech21, LLC long-standing protection of customer account information and our practices of not using or disclosing such information except to provide services or as permitted or required by law.

**Questions or Comments.** ComTech21 takes seriously our obligation to protect customer information. Our compliance with the rules recently enacted by the FCC is a continuation of our long-standing practice. If you have questions about this notice or about our specific commitment to the protection of your information, please contact us at [salesupport@comtech21.com](mailto:salesupport@comtech21.com)